The Compound

Literary Devices – Chapter 15-16

1. **“ He’s as healthy as a horse.”**
2. **“Her hands went to her bump.**
3. **“I refuse to have another of my children born in this godforsaken place.”**
4. **“Lexie crossed her arms, glaring at Mom. “I know there are a billion things you’re keeping from me. Tell me.”**
5. **“I hate that you’re the queen and we have to do everything you say. All you did was marry a rich guy and have his kids. ”**
6. **“My emotions were running the show.”**
7. **“Dad looked from Mom to Lexie, then back to me. His face held no expression. “I wanted to save my family from the largest menace of the modern age.**
8. **I’m twisted for wanting to save my family?”**
9. **“I do! I talked to Eddy and Gram and they told me everything. …” I trailed off, sounding like a little kid trying to talk his way out of getting grounded**
10. **for something inane like shaving the family cat.”**
11. **“His eyebrows lowered and his voice was thunder. “I am your father. I owe you nothing.”**
12. **“All these years I believed you.” Tears spilled onto her cheeks. ....“Believe me, that broke my heart. Seeing your pain. But the deception was necessary for my plan.”**
13. **“With every ounce of my strength and rage, I punched him in the face....**
14. **With my extra five inches of height and a good thirty pounds on him, it was no contest.”**
15. **“We need to see what we can find out without your father suspecting we’re fishing around.**
16. **So let’s keep it between us. I don’t think you should tell Lexie or Terese.”**
17. **“I was frustrated at not getting my point across.”**
18. **“Sweat dripped down my back. My heart raced. I’d been touched and I had touched and I was still alive.”**
19. **“Lexie jumped onto my back, trying to stop me as blood spurted from his nose. Her arms were tight around my neck, her breathing heavy and warm in my ear, her body a dead weight on my back.”**
20. **“So they can survive. And they will thank us for proving it can be done as they follow in our footsteps.**
21. **Just like the people who followed those first pioneers into the West.”**
22. **“I tore the office apart looking for a switch, some way to get on the Internet, the phone, anything. But I kept coming up dry.**
23. **I looked over at the door to the secret lab. I couldn’t imagine any Internet switch being there. I had to keep moving.”**
24. **“Eight … two … nine …” He kept on with the numbers, so many they didn’t even begin to start sinking in. Like a phone number from hell.**
25. **“That guy would probably sell his own internal organs for the right price.”**
26. **“She shook her head. “And the vomiting and diarrhea. Although today may be the first time that’s happened.” I frowned. “Those are symptoms for a million things. Let’s focus on the unique things.”**